

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007

The International Bridge Commission met at the above place and date.

Item 1: Chair Tanny Berg called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Berg asked that the record show that there was a quorum present. Present were:

Tanny Berg, Chair – D-1 (Rep. Ann Morgan Lilly)
Mike Dipp, Vice-Chair - Mayor John Cook's Appointee
Gerardo Camacho, D-3 (Rep. J. Alexandro Lozano)
Daniel Barnes, D-4 (Rep. Melina Castro)
Victor M. Aguirre, D-5 (Rep. Presi Ortega)
Mike Breitinger, D-7 (Rep. Steve Ortega)

OTHERS PRESENT

Josette Flores, Assistant City Attorney
Richard Bristol, Street Department
Becky Vasquez

ABSENT

Vacancy - D-2 (Claudia O. Marin appointed 2/28/07 by Rep. Susie Byrd)
Blanca Dominguez, D-6 (Rep. Eddie Holguin, Jr.)
Vacancy D-8 (Rep. Beto O'Rourke)
Daryl W. Cole, Streets Director, Street Department
Ray J. Mendoza, Street Department / Bridges & Meters Division

AGENDA

Item 2: Motion made by Mr. Dipp, seconded by Mr. Camacho and carried to approve the Minutes for the meeting of Tuesday, October 17, 2006.

AYES: Mr. Berg, Mr. Dipp, Mr. Camacho, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Aguirre, Mr. Breitinger.

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Ms. Dominguez

Item 3. Discussion and Action on Bridge Management Report

Mr. Bristol presented the Bridge Management Report. Handouts included the Bridge Crossing Activity through January FY2007; Bridge Project Updates; Strategic Goals.

Discussion on the project at the Zaragoza Bridge, e.g., expansion of two southbound vehicle lanes; security modifications to toll plaza structure; upgrading automated toll system to a web-based system; new internet web server for AVI customers.

Motion made by Mr. Dipp, seconded by Mr. Breitinger and unanimously carried to approve the plan in Item 3 per Mr. Bristol's report.

AYES: Mr. Berg, Mr. Dipp, Mr. Camacho, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Aguirre, Mr. Breitinger.

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Ms. Dominguez

Item 4: Discussion and Presentation by Staff on Progress on Proposed Zaragoza Bridge Expansion and Progress on Proposed New Crossing.

Mr. Bristol reported that the City has received \$1 million seed money from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for a feasibility study for this project.

Discussion followed on the funding and time frames, and layout of the proposed new crossing.

Item 5: Discussion and action on international Bridge Commission Recommendations to City Council regarding the GSA Head House Project at the Paso del Norte.

A discussion was held by Mr. Berg on the GSA Head House Project at the PDN.

Mr. Berg stated that we establish weekly or bi-weekly meetings where the Bridge Commission members can attend, to represent the interests of this community.

Mr. Breitinger suggested that the International Bridge Commission hold a stakeholder meeting and a town hall meeting with GSA and the contractors on the bridge projects.

Motion made by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Aguirre and carried that we begin the process with GSA to set up a town hall meeting in a forum to discuss the bridge projects, and have the Central Business Association present.

AYES: Mr. Berg, Mr. Dipp, Mr. Camacho, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Aguirre, Mr. Breitinger.

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Ms. Dominguez

Mr. Barnes asked that he be informed of the scheduled meetings, and that Rosemary be a point of contact and assure that she notifies the Commission Members, and that the meetings are posted.

Mr. Berg discussed the importance of the attendance of the Commission Members to these meetings.

Motion by Mr. Dipp, seconded by Mr. Camacho and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Approved as to form:

Rosemary G. Borrego

Department Head / **Board Secretary**